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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN OUTRAGE AT SOVIET CRITICISM OF ABROGATION

SUMMARY. MEDIA APRIL 3 IS REplete WITH CRITICISM OF  
USSR FOR (A) "UNACCEPTABLE" SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET  
REPLY TO EGYPTIAN ABROGATION FRIENDSHIP TREATY AND  
(B) FOR "UNDIPLOMATIC" SOVIET EFFORT TRUCK GOE INTO  
OFFICIALLY RECEIVING USSR STATEMENT. PRIMIN, IN HIS  
ASU CAPACITY, WARNED DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WILL  
BE MOSCOW'S RESPONSIBILITY, SINCE STATEMENT IS FALSE  
AND PROVOCATIVE. VP AND "SENIOR SOURCE" (FAHMY?)  
ALSO REGISTERED STRONG OBJECTIONS. "OFFICIAL SOURCE"  
DISMISSES AS ZIONIST FABRICATION ROWTOW'S CLAIM  
THAT SOVIETS HAVE DELIVERED 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH  
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OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN LAST 15 MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO FRG CONTINUES  
RECEIVE TOP COVERAGE IN MEDIA, SECOND LEAD ALL PAPERS  
APRIL 3 CONCERNS FURTHER REPORTING AND COMMENTARY ON  
"UNACCEPTABILITY" OF USSR'S OFFICIAL REPLY TO GOE  
ABORGATION OF 1971 FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

2. "SENIOR SOURCE" ACCOMPANYING SADAT (PRESUMABLY  
FAHMY) REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT STATEMENT IS INTERVENTION  
IN EGYPT'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND CONTAIN INAPPROPRIATE  
LANGUAGE. PAPERS NOTE THAT VP MUBARKAK HAD REFUSED  
ACCEPT STATEMENT FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR LAST WEDNESDAY  
BECAUSE IT WAS ADRESSED TO NO ONE AND OMITTED USUAL  
PREAMBLE OF OFFICIAL MESSAGES.

3. AKHBAR AL-YAWM CLAIMS "CRISIS" HAS ARISEN BETWEEN MFA  
AND SOVIET EMBASSY DUE TO UNDIPLOMATIC EFFORT DELIVER  
STATEMENT TO MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE AFTER REJECTION BY VP.  
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ORDERED ITS IMMEDIATE RETURN  
BECAUSE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT IS "NOT AUTHORIZED" ACCEPT  
POLITICAL STATEMENTS. PROTOCOL DIRECTOR ENDEAVORED  
UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CONTACT SOVIET EMBASSY FOR FOUR  
HOURS; FINALLY ATTACHE ARRIVED AT MFA BUT REFUSED TAKE  
BACK STATEMENT UNLESS WRITTEN NOTE WAS GIVEN HIM.  
PROTOCOL DIRECTOR THEN REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HIM  
EMBASSY SHOULD CONSIDER NOTHING WAS EVER RECEIVED  
BY MFA, SINCE "THIS METHOD" IS CONSIDERED DEPARTURE  
FROM DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE.

4. COMMENT ON USSR STATEMENT WAS ISSUED APR 2 BY  
CENTER GROUP OF ASU, A QUASI-PARTY HEADED BY PRMIN SALIM.  
IN HIS CAPACITY AS RAPPORTEUR OF GROUP, SALIM CALLED  
ON SOVIETS RECONSIDER ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPT OR ACCEPT  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS. HE  
DESCRIBED SOVIET TREATY AS FULL OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS  
AND INSULTS TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND LEADERS. DISTORTION  
OF FACTS IS AIMED AT JUSTIFYING SOVIET EFFORTS TO  
IMPOSE TUTELAGE ON EGYPT. SALIM POINTEDLY NOTED THAT  
UNFRIENDLY SOVIET ATTITUDE PRE-DATES SADAT'S ACCESSION  
TO PRESIDENCY AND STRESSED SOVIETS SOUGHT ARMS MONOPLY  
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IN EGYPT AND IMPOSED HEAVY BURDENS ON EGYPT'S ECONOMY AND "MASSES".

PRIMIN THEN REVIEWED FAMILIAR LITANY UNFIRENDLY  
ACTS, INCLUDING MASS IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL OF  
SOVIET JEWS. CONCLUDING, SALIM SAID HIS ORGANIZATION  
REJECTS ENTIRE STATEMENT AS FALSE AND PROVOCATIVE.

5. GUMHURIYYA REPORTS VP HAD TOLD AMBASSAODR

POLYAKOV THAT EXPLANATION OF POLICY VIA TASS IS NOT  
ACCEPTABLE AND CONTENTS OF STATEMENT REPRESENT INTERFERENCE  
IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, "AN AGGRESSION ON EGYPT'S  
SOVEREIGNTY."

6. ALL PAPERS COMMENT ON INADMISSABLE NATURE OF  
SOVIET STATEMENT AND DIPLOMACY. MUSTAFA AMIN "REGRETS"  
THAT USSR IS REPEATING COSTLY ERRORS OF US POLICY:  
THREATENING US WITH ECONOMIC PRESSURE, TRYING TO STARVE  
EGYPT TO DEATH, REFUSING ARM EGYPTIAN MILITARY AND,  
FINALLY, INTERFERING IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AS US  
DID WHEN IT ACCUSED SADAT OF BEING A COMMUNIST.

7. AKHBAR IMPLIES SOVIET MACHINATIONS TO EMBARRASS  
EGYPT ARE LINKED WITH LIBYA AND SYRIA, REPORTING THAT  
PRESIDENT SADAT HAS RECEIVED STUDY PREPARED BY SECURITY  
SERVICES CONCERNING ROLE PLAYED BY SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES,  
IN COORDINATION WITH VESTIGES OF CENTERS OF POWER,  
TO PROVOKE INTERNAL DISORDER. STUDY INCLUDES SECTION  
ON EFFORTS OF A MAJOR POWER TO WAGE PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR  
THROUGH ITS AGENTS FOR PURPOSE OF INHIBITING EGYPTIAN  
RECONSTRUCTION AND ISOLATING EGYPT FROM REST OF ARABS.

8. ON BRIGHTER SIDE, PAPERS REPORT NOMINATION OF  
FORMER MINCIVIL AVIATION ABU ZAYD TO REPLACE  
HAFIZ ISMAIL AS EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOWCOW.

9. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS  
NOW HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING TO DEBATE SOVIET  
STATEMENT AND WE CAN EXPECT ANOTHER STRONG DENUCIATION  
TODAY.

10. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, GOE "OFFICIAL SOURCE" DENIED  
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NEWS AGENCY REPORTS OF STATEMENTS BY EUGENE ROSTOW TO  
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. SOURCE DESCRIBED  
HIS TESTIMONY AS "DEVOID OF ANY ELEMENT OF TRUTH AND  
A GROSS FALSIFICATION OF FACTS." ROSTOW APPARENTLY  
CLAIMED EGYPT HAS RECEIVED IN LAST 15 MONTHS  
1.5 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, EITHER  
DIRECTLY FROM USSR OR THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA AND ALGERIA.  
EVEN IF ROSTOW WAS SPEAKING IN GOOD FAITH, OFFICIAL SOURCE  
SAID, HE WAS TALKING OF THINGS HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT.  
ROSTOW CLAIMS EGYPT RECEIVED 900 TANKS DURING OCTOBER WAR,  
BUT SOVIET DELIVERIES AT THAT TIME DID NOT INCLUDE  
A SINGLE TANK (COMMENT: GOE HAS PUBLICLY IN PAST  
EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO TITO FOR VITAL SHIPMENT OF  
TANKS AT TIME OF OCTOBER WAR).

11. OFFICIAL SOURCE CHARGED ROSTOW'S REMARKS ARE PART  
OF ISRAELI/ZIONIST CAMPAIGN INTENDED TO PRESSURE USG  
INTO FLOODING ISRAEL WITH SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT  
WHILE UNDERMINING US-ARAB RELATIONS AND CHANCES  
FOR ME PEACE. EILTS

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